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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a continuous decline in the number of scholars pursuing Ph.D. and M.Phil courses in various universities across the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether the Government is considering to bring quality changes in the higher education alongwith the steps likely to be taken in the Eleventh Five Year Plan encouraging scholars pursuing Ph.D. and M.Phil courses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE: IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT.D.PURANDESWARI)

(a): No, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC) the total number of Doctcrate Degrees awarded in various faculties during the last three years shows an increasing trend, as given below:-

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Number of Doctorate Degrees Awarded	15328	17853	17898

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(b) and (c): University Grants Commission(UGC) is implementing a number Of schemes for quality and excellence and research in higher education in universities and colleges by providing grants through the following schemes :-

i) Universities and colleges with potential for excellence.
ii) Digital repository of research and Teaching Material.
iii) Internet Connectivity for universities,
iv) Information communication and computer education,
v) Teaching Innovations in various disciplines (E-content dev.)
vi) Faculty Improvement Programme,
vii) Incentives for Resource Mobilization,
viii) Computerisation of higher education system.
ix) Award of Research Fellowship for meritorious students for doing Ph.D.